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SUBJECT: UK-USSR: SOVIETS PUSH BILATERAL IMPROVEMENT

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1. BIRTHS EMBASSY SOURCES TELL US THAT DURING DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S VISIT TWO WEEKS AGO, SOVIETS INDICATED DESIRE TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS. PODGORNYY RETURNED FROM HOLIDAY TO MEET PHILIP AND TRIED HARD TO INJECT POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE PRIVATELY, E.G. BY SAYING THAT SPORTS EXCHANGE WAS PART OF AN IMPROVING POLITICAL CLIMATE. PODGORNYY ALSO INDICATED THAT INVITATION EXTENDED TO PRINCE HEATH IN 1970 WAS STILL OPEN, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PHILIP'S VISIT COULD BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER ROYAL VISITS, Q.O.G. PRINCE CHARLES OR EVEN THE QUEEN.

2. PRAVDA ARTICLE FROM LONDON SEPTEMBER 16 (BY G VASILIEV) ALSO CITED A WARMING TREND, NOTING THAT BRITISH ARE REACHING CONCLUSION THAT MORE REALISTIC APPROACH TO FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS IS NECESSARY.

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ARTICLE CITED APPROVINGLY "NEW NOTE OF REALISM" IN

DOUGLAS-HOME SPEECH TO COMMONS (DATE NOT GIVEN) IN
WHICH FONMIN SPOKE OF ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE FOR UK
OF RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND OF DESIRE TO
IMPROVE AND DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH USSR.
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